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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 11/25/2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed 11/25/2003, Applicant, by his attorney, unequivocally and positively admits that the grouped species are not patentably distinct.

As stated in Applicant's response of August 19, 2003, the primary distinction between the two embodiments is that the second embodiment is specifically made of a patterned sheet of aluminum, and that the resulting slight mechanical variations between the two embodiments resulting from the choice of material would not make these two embodiments patentably distinct.

If there are any remaining issues, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner phone Applicant's attorney to resolve any such remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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